

We are grateful to the representative of Tunisia who introduced yesterday another draft resolution, and for the lucid and persuasive way in which he introduced it. The resolution is, in essence, similar to the ad hoc resolution which was introduced by his delegation and that of Pakistan before Christmas. We are aware of the hard work and negotiation which has gone into the resolution, and what we have to say now in no way detracts from our gratitude for the difficult task which the Tunisian and Pakistani delegations have undertaken in an attempt to reconcile the many divergent views in this Committee as to how the Congo operation should be financed. The distinguished Representative of Tunisia made clear that this was an ad hoc resolution and that he was hopeful that there would be an early general discussion of the financing of peace-keeping operations, and, indeed, the whole question of United Nations financial methods in the light of the new conditions with which the United Nations is faced at this time.

The Canadian Delegation made clear before Christmas how it would have hoped that the Congo operation would be financed. At that time, however, in the realization that some fairly widely acceptable compromise must be passed, the Canadian Delegation supported an ad hoc solution to the problem, about which the Canadian Delegation had important reservations. In particular we had strong reservations about the establishment of an account outside the regular budget. Again we are faced with the necessity of supporting an ad hoc solution and deferring once more the consideration of the fundamental principles of a scale which would be generally accepted for all such peace-keeping operations, and which could be applied without the annual search for new and ad hoc formulae, based partly on principle and partly on expediency, combined with other controversial elements, agreeable to this or that group, but which inevitably cause opposing reactions in other groups.